

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today Congressman John W. Olver and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District announced that construction will begin tomorrow, June 25, 2009, to replace a segment of concrete wall that failed in the North Branch of the Hoosic River in North Adams.

The repairs will consist of concrete slabs being poured into place in the flood wall. The Army Corps of Engineers expects the project to take about 8 weeks and should be completed by the beginning of September.

Congressman John Olver said, "I am very pleased that the Army Corps is beginning the reconstruction of the failed flood wall. For quite some time now, we have been holding our breath hoping that we wouldn't be hit by strong rain before we could get a new wall in place. This repair should bring renewed peace of mind to North Adams residents with property near the Hoosic River."

"We're very pleased to be able to work with the City of North Adams and Congressman Olver's office to perform these important repairs on this flood damage reduction project," said Dan Falt, project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Congressman Olver originally secured these funds in the Fiscal Year 2008 omnibus appropriations bill which directed the Army Corps of Engineers to set aside \$492,000 for the necessary flood wall repairs. The bill was approved by Congress December 19, 2007, and signed into law on December 26th.

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